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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Pinchasik et. al. **Group Art Unit:** 3731
Serial No.: 09/516,753 **Examiner:** Vy Q. Bui
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For: LONGITUDINALLY FLEXIBLE STENT

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows. An extension of time for three months is requested. Enclosed herewith is Petition for the extension of time with the appropriate fee. Favorable reconsideration of the above identified patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

(Amended) 1. A stent for holding open a blood vessel formed of a plurality of triangular cells, each triangular cell comprising:

a first loop containing section, the first loop containing section arranged generally in the circumferential direction;